

To Mark Collins jun^r Town Treasurer
to pay Peter Fay Seven Shillins and
and six pence Receipt shall be your Discharge for so much

~~£ 0.7.6~~

Peter Fay

EMR

Southborough April 1st 23: 1787

or his Successor in said office will
six pence as granted by the Town

Wathan Bridges } Selectmen
Jos^e Champney } for
Elijah Bonyham } Southbor^o

Peter Fay

The Town of Southborough I^d to me the subscriber
Jan keeping w^t a man horse from the 29 of November
To Sixteenth of December two weeks and four days
In the year 1785 total c^r 7^s 6^d —

Peter Jay

Peter Fay
The town of Southborough do to me subscriber
For keeping my aean horse from the 18 of april to
The ninth of may in the year 1786 three weeks
At three Shillings a week total £0.9.0 Peter Fay

Southborough April 23^d 1787 To Mark Collins Jun^r Town Treasurer
or his Successor in said office please to pay Peter Fay the within orders
granted by the town and his Receipt shall be your discharge for so
much

Peter Fay

8-9-0

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John Champney
Nathan Bridges
Elijah Brigham

Select Men

Mr Mark Collins Treasurer of Southborough
please to pay to Mr Daniel Farrington two
pounds Sixteen Shillings for Supplying the pulpit
two Sabbath —

William Collins Ministerial

Southborough Oct 29, 1785

Edmund Chamberlain Committee

£2-16

Southborough Oct 29, 1788
Then received the contents in full of all accounts
I say received by me Daniel Harrington

Settled

Southbor^o - March 6th, 1788

Col^o Ward, ac^t

To Mark Collins Tm^r. Treasurer for said Town
or his Successor in said office. Please to Pay
the within account to Col^o Ward and his Receipt
Shall be your Discharge for the same

John Champney, { Sett^l Men
Elijah Brigham. { for
Nathan Bridges {
for

Recd the above of Mr Southbor^o.

Elisha Day Jr John Ward

Great

Feb-17-2

Southborough Oct^r 23^d 1787

The Town of Southborough to Jonathan Ward A.M.

To 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of yard wide Cotton at 4/6 0:16:10 $\frac{1}{2}$
and Thread 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ delivered M^r - - - - - 0:0:3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Abisha Cotton toward his pay for preaching
in said Southborough Total £ 0:07: 2:0

By Jonⁿ Ward

270

Southborough April 26. 1787

for value Recivd I promise for my self or my Successor
in the office of Treasurer to pay Mr Benjamin
Green or his order three pounds £3. on Demand
Intrest till payed it being for two Days
Supplying the pulpit in said town Wesley
my hand ~~Hezekiah~~ ^{John} Treasurer for
} Southborough

Notes -

B. Green
of
Inhabitants
of Southboro

Estimate

Amount Green

Accts - 677

Received of Nathan Bridges Constable for
Southborough five Dollars in part for Supplying the
Pulpit in So Town & Said Received by me

March 26. 1787
£1. 10. 0

Thaddeus Fisher

Thaddeus Fiske
Rept. 1. 10. c

~~Thaddeus~~

Southboro' 8th January 1783

Received of Mr. Nathan Bridges Constable
for the Town of Southboro' Two Pounds eight
Millions lawful Money in payment for Preach-
ing in said Town which I have entered upon
the Vote given me by the Treasurer v
£2. 8:0 Benj: Greene

Mr Green Receipt for
£ 2: 8: 0

Nathan Bridges

Settled with the Braghins

Southborough Jan'y 28th 1788

To Mark Callins Jun^r Treasurer for said Town or his Successor
in said office. Sir Please to Pay Thomas Stone one pound
five Shillings it being for Shaping Mr Ponc^r and Mr Cotton
horses and his Receipt shall be your discharge for same

John Chapman

Elijah Brigham } Select Men
Hezekiah Tracy } for
Southbor^r

£ 1.5.0

Thomas Stone

estate

11-81-41

To the Church & Congregation in Southborough.

Gentlemen, Whereas you have given me a Call to settle with you as your Gospel Minister, I would inform you that having taken into Consideration your Call, asked the Advice of Parents, Friends & Relatives & sought to Heaven for Direction in this weighty matter, my Answer is in the Affirmative.

Provided however that you do as soon as may be purchase some Land handy to the Meeting house at what it is justly worth in money, & to the Amount or nearly to the Amount of the hundred & fifty Pounds which you propose for a Settlement & then Town Security be given for the Payment of it.

2d) That you do annually & punctually pay to me Seventy five Pounds Salary & twenty Pounds of Wood. But as there was a Number in Town who opposed the Grant of Wood in Addition to the Salary, so if any or all of that Number will yearly & personally come to me & testify their unwillingness to pay their Proportion of the Wood that is granted; to them will I relinquish their proportion of the Wood during the time of their Continuance under my ministry.

3d) On supp^{tion} ^{to full Communion} visible Sanctity is made a Term of Admission in this Church & that whenever any Person or Persons shall be admitted into the Church, they shall be left to their own Option whether to give a Public Relation of their religious Experiences or not.

4th) On Condition I have two or three Sabbaths allowed me every Year without applying the Pulpit to visit my Parents & Friends who live at a considerable Distance, & that you do from time to time by your Christian Behaviour & Brotherly Kindness endeavour to render my Labours useful & serviceable among you.

Southborough Jan. 12th 1788. Abishai Colton

Mr. Colton's Answer

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Answer.

To the Church & Inhabitants of Southborough
Gentlemen

You are sensible that you gave me a Call to
settle with you as your Gospel Ministers by a large
majority of Votes, & that out of regard to this People
& a Consideration of your Union I gave my Answer
in the Affirmative provided you would make some
little Alterations in your Proposals. But as you have
not, on the whole made those Alterations which I re-
quested in my Answer, & as there has great uneasi-
ness arisen in the Town respecting the Alterations
requested, I cannot think it will be for my Peace
& Happiness or for the good of the Town to tarry. There-
fore I beg Leave to withdraw my Answer & to give it
in the Negative. —

I would further recommend it to the Town to consider
that if they would ever have a Candidate for the
Gospel Ministry settled among them, it is for their
own Characters to be tender of the Characters of Can-
didates that come among you, & not to suffer false &
scurrilous reports concerning any of them. For with
you as well as with them a good Name is rather to be
chosen than Silver. —

Abishai Colton
Southborough March 5th 1788

To the Moderator of the
Town Meeting to be
communicated this Day.

M. or Other Letter

Southborough Feb⁷ 13th 1788

Rec'd of Mr. Mark Collins Jun^r, as Town Treasurer, the
full sum of Nineteen pounds, ten shillings in full for supplying
your pulpit thirteen Sabbaths, being the whole time I have
preached in this Town

Amr Enos Pond

• Neck
Pond

Settler

Southborough March 17th 1788

To Mr. Mark Collins junr. Town Treas-
urer, this is to certify that Mr. Abishaai
Collins supplied the Pulpit in this
Town Thirty Sabbaths from the tenth
of August to this time, at One Pound
four Shillings per Day - £36 Pounds.

L. Sarah Matthews
William Collins
Committee for sup-
plying the Pulpit

Southborough March 24: 1788
Received of Math Collis Jr Treasurer Sixteen
Pounds, and also a note of Twenty pounds
it being in full Abishai Colton

allowed	£ 16-0-0
Deb to me	6 18-6
	<u>£ 9:4:6</u>
Settled	

Southborough March 6th 1788

To Mark Collins Junr. Treasurer for said Town or his
Successor in said office Sir Please to ^{pay} Nathan Bridges
or order Eight Pounds and his Freight Shalp be your
Discharge for the same it being for Boarding M^r Cotton
and keeping his horse

John Chapman ^W Street Man
Elijah Brigham
Jonas Ball ^{for} Southborough

£8-0-0-0

Nathaniel Bridges
Norther 8.0.0

Nathaniel Bridges
Settled

To the Inhabitance of Southborough In town Meting assembled Gentleman
and Brethren I offer my Protest & Decent, agaist. the Proceedings
of the Town & Church, for these following Reasons —

1. y. Whereas a Number of Persons in this Town have by their Unwary
Proceedings caused Sundry Additions to be made to Mr. Collier's Call,
Before ever he have us any answer, all which was Inconsistant
to the Interest of the Town, ~~of the~~

2. y. Whereas the Church have chang'd & altered the Constitution
or maner of Church Government, which we and our Fathers held
to be Sacred & Good; By their Votes have made the ainchant
Custom Void, and have forbid or would not Receive many Persons
to bring their Children to the ordinance of Baptism, which was
in Covenant, or had the Seals of Baptism on them — We read
Mark 10. Chap. 13. of a Number in Christ time that forbid Little
Children to be Brought to him; But Christ was Displeasid at
them and said Suffer them to Cum & forbid them not —
and we have a Number now ~~among~~ among us that
will not let Children be Brought to Christ Covenant to be
Baptized — and I give it as my Sentement, that the
Church have Broken Covenant with the People, & the People
ought not to Joyn with the Church in settling a Minister
here till that matter is settled —

Solomon Newton

Southborough
March 3. 1788

John Newlands Letter